	Issues	Initiatives
Feeder Level	i. Reliability	i. Capacity Building
	ii. Erratic Voltages	ii. Project Management
	iii. Metering & Billing	iii. Profit Center
	iv. HT/LT Ratio	iv. District-wise planning
		v. Technical upgradation
Consumer	i. Metering	i. Energy Conservation Act
Level	ii. Compliance of Billing	ii. DSM
	iii. Consumer satisfaction	iii. Public Awareness
		iv. Road Shows
		v. Penal provision for theft

Targets Achievement in Power Sector

1502. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 1153 and 2289 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 2001 and 7th August, 2002 respectively and to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission recommended to set up task force to analyze/examine the issues related to the performance of the power sector during Ninth Plan to suggest the advance action for the Tenth Plan; and

(b) if so, the progress in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Mid term Appraisal of Ninth Five Year Plan in October, 2000 had recommended that a Task Force may be set up to analyze/examine issues related to the performance of the power sector during Ninth Plan and suggest advance action for the Tenth Plan.

The Working Group on Power for the 10th Plan has taken into account the factors which adversely affected the progress of project implementation during 9th Plan. Effective monitoring mechanisms have now been put in place to ensure timely completion of the targeted projects. Monthly reviews are being undertaken by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and quarterly reviews are being undertaken by Secretary (Power).

The system of having a nodal officer for each on going project has been introduced. The nodal officer is required to keep track of and facilitate resolution of problems which may delay the project by escalating the issue to appropriate levels for immediate resolutions.

For hydro power project, the three stage development system has been introduced with the objective of reducing time and cost overruns by ensuring that before main contract packages are awarded:-

(a) necessary infrastructure is developed,

(b) land is acquired, and

(c) Detailed Project Reports are prepared after thorough investigation.

Foodgrains to drough hit States

1503. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains given as drought relief to six affected States so far;

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh has requested for release of more rice to continue works taken up under special Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana; and

(c) the decisions taken on the request of Andhra Pradesh Government for further relief of Rs. 174 crores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U. V. KRISHNAM RAJU):(a) During the current year i.e. 2002-2003, about 57.68 lakh tonnes of foodgrains have been allocated to 14 drought affected States under the Special Component of the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yozana (SGRY).

(b) State Government of Andhra Pradesh requested for release of 15 lakh tonnes of foodgrains under the Special Component of the SGRY to complete the incomplete works taken up under the erstwhile Food for Work Programme (FFWP). The request of the State Government was agreed to. In addition, 5 lakh tonnes of Rice has been releasead to the